

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Commencement is over, out-of-town students have returned to their homes, and soon the Salem pupils who spend their summers at the many surrounding resorts, will be leaving. The cherry festival and the Fourth, will keep a great many, and after that ho! for Newport, the mountains or some other cool and comfortable place.

The past week has been a busy one among the University and High school people. The unpleasant weather somewhat dampened the ardor of the students and interested friends but did not keep them at home by any means and their exercises were all well attended.

The musicale "at home" given by Mrs. George Pearce and Mrs. E. C. Small was one of the leading events of the season and a very successful one. A group of Albany ladies, prominent in musical and society circles, were the guests of honor. A number of these private musicales have been given this winter and have awakened a new interest in musicales which will undoubtedly increase.

A Leading Society Event.

Mrs. E. C. Small and Mrs. George Pearce were hostesses Wednesday afternoon of one of the most successful events of the season. The affair was in the nature of a musical, and a number of prominent society ladies of Albany were guests of honor. These ladies are all well known in the musical circles of the valley, and their visit here was a pleasure to the many Salem ladies who met them. The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Mrs. Alice Dodd, Mrs. M. N. Chapman and Mrs. J. H. Martin. Misses Oda Chapman and Marguerite Putnam, presided over the punch bowl. The Albany ladies were Mrs. Percy A. Young, Mrs. E. W. Langdon, Mrs. T. G. Hopkins, Mrs. S. S. Train, Mrs. Clara, Mrs. Wm. Fortmiller and Miss Emma Sox. After an informal reception the guests were all seated and the following program was rendered. One need only glance at the program to know that it was a delightful treat and a rare combination of artists. After the program delicious refreshments were served.

The Program.

Bartlett Polka de Concert
Mary Pigler, Helen Pearce
(a) Emery Burst Ye Apple Buds
(b) Scot The Secret
Mrs. Chas. H. Hinges
Neidlinger Parting
Mrs. Clara—Mrs. Young
Wagner-Liszt
"Liebes-Tod" from Tristan
and Isolde
Miss Sox
Tootl Invano
Mrs. Young
Chadwick O let night speak of me
Mrs. Clara
(a) Mrs. H. H. Beach Ecstasy
(b) Clough-Leighter My Lover
comes over the Skee
(A Norwegian Love Song)
Mrs. Langdon
Grieg Butterfly
Wollenhaupt Vase Stylienne
Dorothy Pearce

"U. of O."

Commencement week at the University of Oregon, will begin June 23 and last until June 26, and will be attended by friends from all over the Northwest. The past few weeks has been full of work for the busy students, although many have been the little informal affairs, dear to the college people. Aside from the usual exercises during the last week, Professor Irvin M. Glenn, has arranged a musical program for each day, and no expense will be spared to make it a musical festival and a gathering of some of the best musicians in the state. There will be a chorus and orchestra under his direction.

There are 55 members in the class, from all parts of the state, and it is said to be the largest class ever graduated from any Oregon institution. Miss Margarite Gittens is the only member from Salem, and will receive her degree as Bachelor of Arts.

Hon. John M. Gearin, former United States senator from Oregon, will give the address at the graduation exercises, which take place at 9:30 a. m. at Villard Hall, June 26.

College of Music.

Prof. Heritage, voice, and Mr. Arthur Von Jessen, piano of the College of Music, presented a number of their pupils, last Monday evening, at the annual commencement exercises. The parlors of the Methodist church, were filled with music lovers, who were not disappointed in

their expectations of hearing good music, well rendered. Prof. Heritage and Mr. Von Jessen, took charge of this department of the university last fall, and have made a success of it. The excellent appearance of their pupils testifies to that. Next year, and it is only natural, they expect to be even more successful, and a bright season is predicted for them. Prof. Heritage is well known here and a great favorite in musical circles. Mr. Van Jessen came here with Prof. Heritage and although he was a stranger, it didn't take him long to demonstrate his ability and make friends and many of them.

Prof. Heritage presented as his pupils, Birdie Ellen Butler and Elizabeth Ethel Quinn, who received certificates and Mrs. Mernie Alberta Hug, who was awarded a diploma. Mrs. Butler was unable to sing, because of a sore throat, Miss Quinn sang "Sweet the Angelus was Ringing," showing a most decided improvement since she first began to study here. Mrs. Hug sang Scene and Prayer, "Der Freischütz," Weber, in a splendid manner.

Mrs. Hug appeared in public several times this winter and her tones are as sweet and clear as those of a song bird. She sings with an ease and charm that captivates her audiences.

Miss Ruth Field sang, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," with much expression and in fine voice.

Diplomas were given to Miss Marguerite Bowers, piano, and Miss Fleda McPeck, also piano, both of whom showed their worthiness of them by their playing. Miss Bowers rendered her selection, "Concert-stuck—Weber," with style and charm, showing her musical abilities. Miss McPeck has a brilliant musical future, as was shown by the way she rendered "Capriccio Brillant—Mendelssohn." The orchestral score at second piano was played by Mr. Von Jessen.

Among the pupils who appeared were Miss Irene Campbell, who was heartily applauded for her rendition of "Polonaise, in C sharp minor—Chopin. Miss Bertha Jennings, well known in Salem musical circles, made a favorable impression by her playing of "Caprice Espagnol—Moszkowski." Miss Ruth Field also gave a piano selection with well-merited success. The College Glee Club, young ladies, who have appeared a number of times during commencement week, sang two numbers, that afforded much pleasure.

John H. Coleman, D. D., delivered diplomas with an appropriate address.

Commencement at W. U.

The Normal and Academic class of Willamette University held its graduating exercises Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. The church was simply a mass of flowers, sent by admiring friends. Many roses were used in decorating the church, most of them being pink; pink and green being the class colors. The class flower was the pink La France rose.

The members of the Normal class were Misses Alvie Viola Fisher, Elizabeth Frogly, Fannie Fern Funk, Gladys Riches, Matilda Seigmund and Maude Vandewort.

The Latin-Scientific Class—Misses Hattie Caroline Beckley, Inez Elma Maas, and Clyde Otis Wainscott.

Literary Class—Miss Merle Williams. Rev. Price gave the invocation, followed by a piano solo by Mr. Arthur Von Jessen, in his usual excellent style. Rev. Walton Shipworth, presiding elder of The Dalles district, addressed the class, and gave the members many bits of good advice. President Coleman being unable to attend, Prof. J. T. Mathews presented the diplomas, with a few pleasant remarks.

The soloists of the evening were Mrs. Mernie A. Hug and Mrs. Carlton Smith, the latter taking the place of Prof. Heritage who was unable to appear. Everyone who has once heard these sweet song birds well know they gave much pleasure to their audience. Either of them would make a pleasing feature on any program.

The Philodorian quartette gave a number which met with hearty applause.

Alumni Banquet.

The Alumni banquet of the Willamette University was a pleasant event Wednesday evening and was attended by Alumni from all over the Northwest. The banquet was quite elaborate and took place in the parlor of the M. E. church. Each table was simply but prettily decorated and a bevy of pretty college girls served.

After the more substantial repast there was a feast of reason and a flow of congratulation as rich and

sparkling as old wine. Col. "Bob" Miller '78 of Portland, acted as toastmaster in that felicitous manner which seems all his own.

Those who responded to the toasts were:

P. H. D'Arcy, '95, who made one of his witty talks. Hon. Robert Eakin of the Oregon Supreme Court followed, and his speech met with hearty applause. Mrs. Grace Scriber Holbroke, of Butte, Montana, spoke on "The Distinguished Alumni of Old Willamette." Hon. N. L. Butler of Dallas; cleverly responded to "Democracy Assailed." The class of 1903, was well represented by Miss Sophia Townsend of this city and Mrs. W. H. McCall of Seattle. Hon. Joseph Albert, a loyal friend of the school, but not a member of the alumni responded to the toast "On the Outside" and his remarks caused much laughter. A. N. Moores represented the class of '76. Prof. J. T. Mathews, spoke for class '89 and Claude McKnight well represented the graduating class. Prof. W. E. Kirk, one of the new professors was well received in his remarks and urged everyone to aid, as members of the alumni, students, and friends of the school in making Willamette University the Harvard of the Northwest.

Following the banquet, all went to the university chapel where an excellent program was rendered. Judge William Galloway, of the class of '68 was the speaker of the evening, and in his pleasing way, followed the career of the university. Many little incidents, dear to the hearts of the old students, were recalled. Prof. Washburne delivered the invocation, and among those who followed on the program were Miss Ruth Fields, who gave a vocal solo, Miss Marguerite Bowers, a piano solo and Mr. Clarke Belknap with a reading. Congressman W. C. Hawley presented the class of 1907, who were welcomed by President I. H. Van Winkle, of the association. J. T. Mathews read the annual poem, which was written by William P. Mathews.

Prof. R. A. Heritage and Mrs. Mernie A. Hug closed the program with a duet, well rendered and in response to an encore gave a little musical sketch.

Rev. F. E. Dell pronounced the benediction.

Portland Society.

A Portland social event of more than usual interest to Salem people was a luncheon given one day last week by Mrs. Bert E. Haney, for Miss Daisy Belle Freeman, whose marriage to Mr. Ben Gadsby takes place on the 25th of this month. A pleasant little surprise came when Mrs. Haney announced the engagement of Miss Iela Herren of this city, one of her guests and a cousin of Miss Freeman, to Mr. Ivan E. Oakes. Miss Herren is a pretty and charming young lady, popular wherever she is known and her scores of friends in this city wish her much happiness. Mr. Oakes, is also well known here, having been assistant state engineer. Their marriage will take place this fall.

The hostess of this pleasant little affair, is also well known, as Miss Jessie Holmes. Miss Freeman has visited here a number of times and made many friends.

Simpson-Smith.

The marriage of Miss Bessie A. Simpson, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Alice Simpson to Mr. Henry Smith, took place Wednesday noon, June 12, at the home of the bride's mother, 1780 Court street. Rev. Davis Errett performed the ceremony in the presence of a few out-of-town guests and the relatives.

The Simpson home was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers. In the front parlor the color scheme was red and green, ferns and red roses being used. Pink roses and ferns carried out, most effectively a pink and green color scheme, in the back parlor. Heliotrope, fragrant and dainty, with asparagus fern, formed the dining room decorations. The centerpiece of the dining table was of heliotrope and the fern was trailed to the four corners of the table.

The pretty bride wore a costume of white Swiss, simply made, adding a sweet simplicity to her girlishness. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations.

After the ceremony, a bountiful dinner was served which was presided over by Mrs. F. B. Ferrell, Mrs. Robert Crangle and Miss Grace Spong.

The invited guests were Miss Lois Simpson, Victor Simpson, Mrs. F. B. Ferrell, James Ferrell, David Simpson, Ned Simpson, Miss Maybelle Simpson, Miss Mary Smith, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Waterbury, Master Harry and Miss Ruth Waterbury, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. John Spong, Mrs. Harriett Crangle,

Chas. Crangle, Misses Grace and Mildred Spong, all of Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crangle, of Hopewell.

The happy couple left Thursday morning for their home, which the groom has fitted up, near Fulton Park, Portland.

Dr. Parvin's Commencement

Among the most pleasing and talented performances of Salem's many commencement exercises were the two recitals given by the pupils of the Normal College of Music in the First Christian church Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The under graduate recital was given on Tuesday evening by the pupils of Dr. Parvin, Mrs. Denton and Miss Winslow and proved an enjoyable treat to all present. The church was very prettily decorated with roses, fern and Oregon grape which formed artistic banks and festoons around the spacious rostrum.

The program on Tuesday evening was opened with Suppe's "Light Cavalry" beautifully rendered as a four hand number by Mrs. Denton and Vera Kitchen, first piano and Grace Daue and Florence Smith at second instrument.

The program was varied and was given in a bright and catchy style which showed thoughtful training. Those taking part in the recital were Miss Jennie Burrell, Bernice Sauter, Barbara Stiner, Pearl Zinn, Bernice Reed, Malena Buck, Greta Stiner, Florence Smith, Grace Daue, Edna Jones, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Elmo White and Bush Thompson.

Graduating Recital.

The graduating recital which was held on Wednesday evening was one of the most artistic musical programs that has ever been given in the city by local talent this season. The program began at eight o'clock with a Grand Duo "Il Trovatore" played by Mrs. Denton and Miss Vera Kitchen in a manner which held the large audience enraptured. A double number aria, "Rejoice Greatly" from the Messiah; and "Joys of Spring" a new composition by Gilchrist was beautifully sung by Miss Jennie Williams who also rendered the aria "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from Oratorio "Sampson and Delilah" by St. Saens, "My Redeemer and My Lord" by Dudley Buck and Charles Brown's new and

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catchy composition "Life's a Song."

Miss Williams is a Salem young lady with an excellent soprano voice which has an unusual range and possesses the qualities of tenderness and strength. She probably did her best work in her first two numbers although the sacred selection "My Redeemer and My Lord" carried a plaintive theme which with the clear bell-like tones of the singer's voice won the hearts of the appreciative audience.

The "Rhapsody Hongroise" No. 12 which was played by Miss Vera Kitchen was an especially fine rendition of one of Liszt's greatest compositions. In the splendid climax the instrument was taxed to its fullest capacity and throughout the entire selection the execution was almost faultless. A four hand overture "Barbier v. Sevilla" by Rossini played by Misses Florence Smith Grace Daue, Mrs. Denton and Miss Vera Kitchen won much favorable comment.

Rev. Davis Errett delivered the address of the evening in his usual pleasant and forceful manner, and after a vocal number by Miss Williams, Dr. Z. M. Parvin, the dean of the musical department of the school gave a short talk on musical numbering and the history of music and introduced Miss Jennie Williams as having finished the prescribed course entitling her to the degree of Bachelor of Music. Professor J. J. Krapps in a graceful manner conferred the degree and after the four hand overture "Barbier v. Sevilla," an informal reception was held on the spacious rostrum by the many friends who gathered to extend their congratulations.

High School.

A bright class of 43 young people received their diplomas last evening as graduates of the Salem high school. The assembly hall of the school was filled with admiring friends and relatives, and the bevy of flower girls was laden with beautiful flowers and other gifts.

The record of this class has been one that any class might well be proud of. They have taken an active part in athletics, and have put the school on an equal with the best in Oregon.

The short entertainment they rendered last evening was an excellent

one. Governor Chamberlain was the speaker of the evening, and his remarks were well chosen. His talk was not a lengthy one, but the bits of good advice he gave the students will long be remembered by them. Miss Mildred Bagley gave a reading, with excellent delivery. She is a talented reader. Mr. Ward Fisher gave a cornet solo, difficult and exceptionally well rendered. Miss Edna Savage, one of Salem's sweetest singers met with hearty applause. Her voice is clear and sweet, and gives promise of much in the future. Miss Georgia Booth accompanied her on the piano. The music for the occasion was furnished by the high school orchestra, an excellent organization. Rev. F. E. Dell gave the invocation, and Mr. A. A. Lee delivered the diplomas.

The president of the class is Chas. Harrison, who also won the largest number of credits. Miss Rebecca Miles won the scholarship to Whitman College, at Walla Walla.

The members of the class are: Charles B. Harrison, Agnes Moore, Florence Prince, Alta Altman, Beulah Clarke, Paul Miller, Alton Perkins, Alfred Schramm, Frank Barton, Theodore Kindig, Grace Link, Robert Paulus, Edna Savage, Louise Skafte, Henrietta Hoyser, Alice McCauley, Ross McIntire, Chester Moores, Ralph Moores, Ralph Cauley, Ralph St. Pierre, Rita Welnise, Ralph Bradford, Mildred Bagley, Helen Colvin, Eunice Craig, Ward Fisher, Paul Johnson, Rita Nelson, Rebecca Miles, Corlaine Miller, William Mott, Glen Miles, Edith Hagood, Eva Starkey, Harold Smith, Sophie Catlin, Edith Bellinger, Claire Vebert, Mildred Perkins and Lela Belle.

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